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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 932**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Daly and Thurmond**

February 26, 2015

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An act to add Section 5165 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 932, as amended, Daly. Specialized license plates: professional sports.

Existing law authorizes a state agency to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to sponsor a specialized license plate program, and requires the DMV to issue those license plates if the agency receives 7,500 applications within a 12 month period, among other requirements. Existing law requires those license plates to have a design or contain a message that publicizes or promotes the state agency, or the official policy, mission, or work of the state agency. Existing law requires the DMV to charge certain additional fees for specialized license plates and deposit those fees in the Specialized License Plate Fund for allocation to the sponsoring agency, as specified.

This bill would require ~~an unspecified state agency~~ *the Department of Parks and Recreation* to apply to the DMV to sponsor a license plate program for the issuance of license plates bearing the officially licensed logo, emblem, or trademark ~~of provided by a California~~ professional sports franchise. The bill would require the DMV to issue those license plates if the ~~unspecified state agency~~ *Department of Parks and Recreation* obtains 7,500 applications by January 1, 2018. *The bill would require the revenue generated from the license plates, as specified, to be deposited in the California State Parks Account created*

by the bill in the Specialized License Plate Fund, for use, upon appropriation by the Legislature to the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services, for funding local parks and recreation grant programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 5165 is added to the Vehicle Code, to  
2 read:

3 5165. (a) (1) The ~~Department of Parks and Recreation~~  
4 shall apply to the department, pursuant to Section 5156, to sponsor  
5 a professional sports franchise license plate program. *The*  
6 *department shall issue specialized license plates for that program*  
7 *if the Department of Parks and Recreation complies with the*  
8 *requirements of Section 5156.*

9 (2) *Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 5156, the*  
10 *department shall establish the specialized license plate program*  
11 *if the Department of Parks and Recreation obtains 7,500*  
12 *applications for the specialized license plates on or before January*  
13 *1, 2018, and meets the other requirements of this article.*

14 (b) *Notwithstanding Section 5154, the Department of Parks and*  
15 *Recreation shall accept and use the officially licensed logos,*  
16 *emblems, and trademarks provided by California professional*  
17 *sports franchises for the license plate.*

18 ~~(b) Notwithstanding Section 5154, a license plate issued~~  
19 ~~pursuant to this section shall bear the officially licensed logo,~~  
20 ~~emblem, or trademark of a professional sports franchise.~~

21 (c) *Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5157, the*  
22 *additional fees prescribed by Section 5157 for the issuance,*  
23 *renewal, or transfer of the specialized license plates shall be*  
24 *deposited, after the department deducts its administrative costs,*  
25 *in the California State Parks Account, which is hereby created in*  
26 *the Specialized License Plate Fund. The funds in the account shall*  
27 *be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature to the California*  
28 *State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services, for funding local*  
29 *parks and recreation grant programs.*

30 (d) *It is the intent of the Legislature that the department, in*  
31 *consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation, will*

1 *accept and make available pursuant to this article special*  
2 *professional sports franchise license plates. Specifically, it is the*  
3 *intent of the Legislature that the license plates issued pursuant to*  
4 *this section shall consist of a sports franchise logo, emblem, or*  
5 *trademark selected by the registrant to the left of the numerical*  
6 *series.*

7 ~~(e) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 5156, the~~  
8 ~~department shall establish the specialized license plate program if~~  
9 ~~the \_\_\_\_\_ obtains 7,500 applications for the specialized license~~  
10 ~~plates on or before January 1, 2018, and meets the other~~  
11 ~~requirements of this article.~~

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